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SUBJECT: TFVE01: VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA MAKES  
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REF: A) STATE 70877 B) STATE 71650

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SUMMARY:  
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1. (C) ON APRIL 15, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA (AND SOON TO BE U.S. AMBASSADOR) ROY CHADERTON TOLD COLOMBIAN MEDIA THAT HE HAD PROVIDED HIS GOVERNMENT WITH A "REPORT" LISTING THE NAMES OF COLOMBIAN POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND MEDIA FIGURES WHO "WELCOMED"

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L MILLS  
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CHAVEZ'S OVERTHROW. IN RESPONSE TO CHADERTON'S REMARKS, COLOMBIA'S ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CLEMENCIA FORERO FILED A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST WITH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THE EVENING OF APRIL 15, FORERO CALLED CHADERTON'S LIST "A VEILED THREAT AGAINST THE SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL FOUNDATION OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP." [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] END

2. (U) DURING AN APRIL 15 COLOMBIAN RADIO INTERVIEW, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA (AND SOON TO BE U.S. AMBASSADOR) ROY CHADERTON CONFIDENTIAL

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ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD SENT THE CHAVEZ GOVERNMENT A REPORT IN WHICH HE LISTED THE NAMES OF COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, MEDIA FIGURES WHO HAD PUBLICLY "WELCOMED" THE FALL OF PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ.  
CHADERTON ADDED THAT MANY OF THESE PROMINENT FIGURES HAD "BEGUN TO DANCE BEFORE THE BAND ARRIVED." CHADERTON WAS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF COLOMBIAN FINANCE MINISTER JUAN MANUEL SANTOS, WHO HAD STATED THAT ERSTWHILE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEDRO CARMONA WAS AN ADVOCATE OF STRONG BILATERAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. CHADERTON MADE EQUIALLY ABRASIVE REMARKS AGAINST THE REST OF THE SANTOS FAMILY, LONGTIME OWNERS OF "EL TIEMPO," COLOMBIA'S LARGEST DAILY. CHADERTON ADDED THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL A FAREWELL RECEPTION HE HAD PLANNED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON.

3. (U) FOLLOWING CHADERTON'S REMARKS, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CLEMENCIA FORERO SENT A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST NOTE TO THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, CLARIFYING THAT NEITHER SHE NOR PRESIDENT PASTRANA HAD EXPRESSED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELA'S INTERIM GOVERNMENT. IN THE NOTE, SHE ADDED THAT (CHADERTON'S) "ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LIST CONSTITUTES, IN THE OPINION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA, A VEILED THREAT AGAINST THE SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL FOUNDATION OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP."

4. (U) FORERO CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 15, IN WHICH SHE REPEATED STATEMENTS SHE HAD MADE ON APRIL 12 REGARDING PEDRO CARMONA'S INTERIM GOVERNMENT. FORERO STRESSED SHE HAD NOT GONE BEYOND STATING THAT CARMONA WAS A GREAT PROMOTER OF BILATERAL INTEGRATION, AND "HOPED THAT THE TRANSITION WOULD SIGNAL THE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND THE GUARANTEE OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS TO THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE." IN AN APRIL 15 LETTER TO "EL TIEMPO," FORERO ADDED THAT "COLOMBIA CONDEMNED THE INTERRUPTION IN VENEZUELA'S CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER" AND HAD SPONSORED THE RIO GROUP DECLARATION.

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